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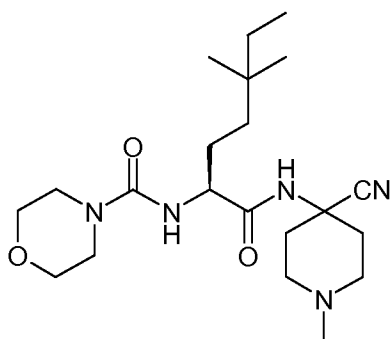
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated 5/1/2007, Applicants hereby elect Group I, without traverse and further elect for searching purposes the compound of claim 8:



Applicants request rejoinder of Group V drawn to method of treatment, upon a determination of allowable compound compounds. Applicants' attorney requests that the examiner identify the scope of the search in the next paper to facilitate canceling nonelected subject matter.

Applicants reserve the right to file in one or more divisional applications any subject matter not allowed in this case, without prejudice 35 USC 121.

Respectfully submitted,

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